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LETTER DATED 13 DECEMBER 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PERU ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING A TEXT ENTITLED "LIMA CALLING" ADOPTED BY THE MEMBER STATES OF THE AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (OPANAL) DURING THE SIXTEENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE AGENCY, HELD IN LIMA, PERU, ON 30 NOVEMBER AND 1 DECEMBER 1999

I have the honour to transmit to you a text entitled "Lima calling" adopted by the member States of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) during the sixteenth regular session of the General Conference of the Agency, held in Lima, Peru, on 30 November and 1 December 1999.

I would be very grateful if you would take the necessary steps to ensure that the attached document is distributed as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament to all the delegations of the member States and observers in the Conference.

(Signed): Jorge Voto-Bernales
Ambassador

LIMA CALLING

The member States to the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), at the XVI Regular Session of the General Conference, held in Lima, Peru, on 30 November and 1 December 1999:

Bearing in mind:

That, Latin America and the Caribbean is the first densely-populated region of the world to consolidate its political decision of banning nuclear weapons by means of the full enforcement of the Tlatelolco Treaty;

That, a Nuclear-Weapons-Free-Zone constitute an important mechanism to carry through, at a later stage, the general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

Convinced:

That, as current circumstances offer favourable opportunities to permanently eradicate and ban nuclear weapons, the international community must start the third millennium with the commitment to move toward such goal which is uplifted by mankind's legitimate aspiration.

That, no effort made towards a complete and punctual ban in the use and manufacture of nuclear weapons or towards hindering their proliferation shall bring forth the result so yearned for by the international community, if no general determination is expressed by countries in possession of nuclear weapons and those which do not;

We are making a call to the international community:

With the intention of creating public awareness in order to proceed, in every sphere, towards the total ban in the use and manufacture of nuclear and mass-destruction weapons and, particularly, to the Great Powers in possession of nuclear weapons to adopt political decisions which shall constitute a firm commitment for the destruction and complete ban of nuclear weapons, in accordance with the spirit and pursuant to the provisions of resolution 808 (IX), unanimously adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, and to increase the concern of the international community, manifested by way of resolution 53/77 "Y" "Towards a Nuclear-Weapons-Free World: requirement of a new program", dated 4 December 1998.

We are also making a call to the international community so that, following the example of the Tlatelolco, Pelindaba, Bangkok and Rarotonga Treaties, they join their political efforts and decisions to create Nuclear-Weapons-Free-Zones in other regions of the planet.